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## Research issues:

Wind Turbine Blade aerodynamics under realistic inflows (Gust, turbulence ...) and operations (misalignment, FOWT motions ...) and/or with Add-Ons/Controllers (VGs, spoilers, flaps/slats, micro-jets etc ...) is highly unsteady, and leads to modeling issues → On going research on improvement of knowledge in unsteady blade aerodynamics.

## Research outcomes:

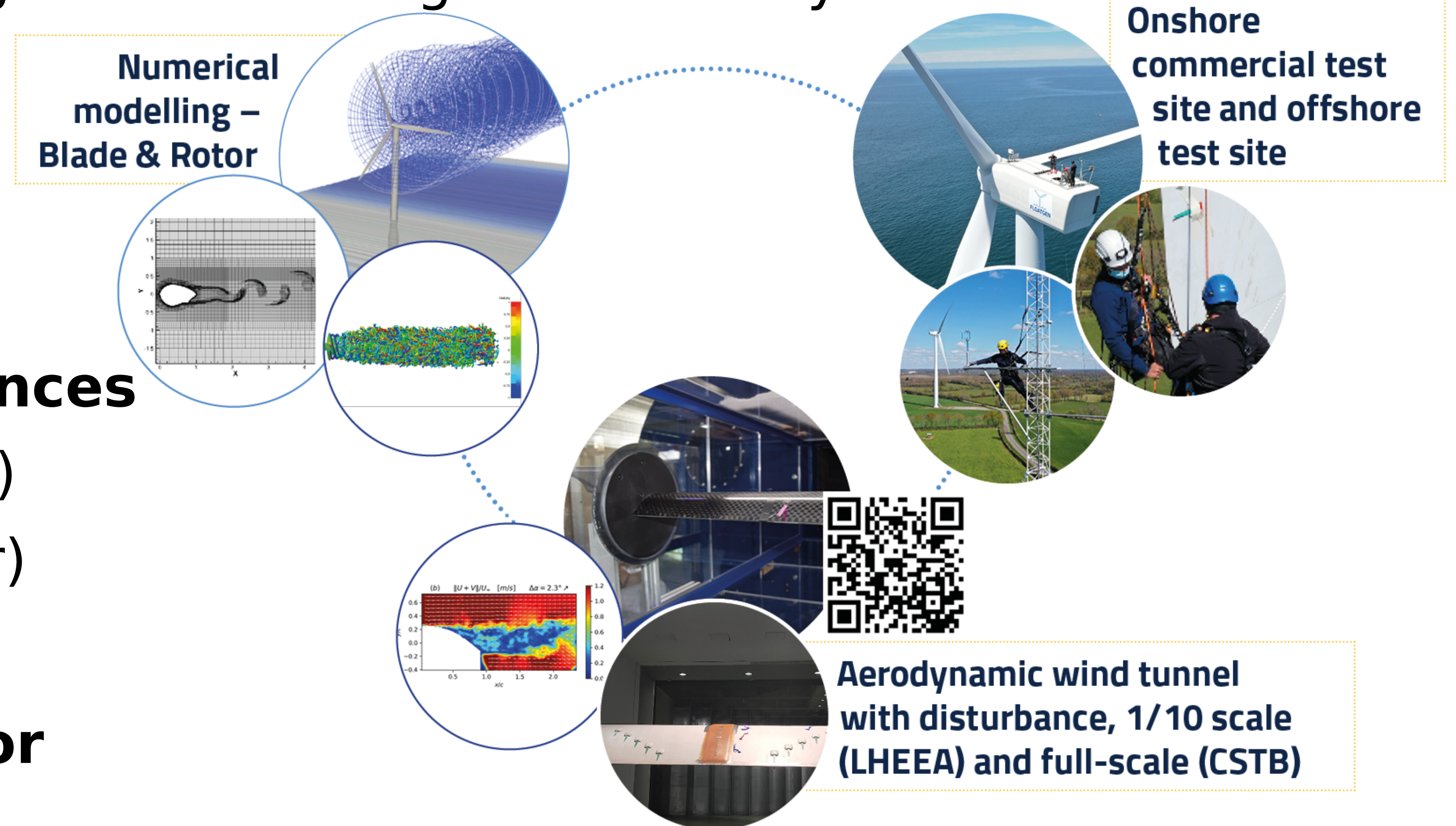
Results of this research are used to develop/help in the development of O&M strategies / technologies. Monitoring and controlling blade aerodynamics leads to:

- Noise reduction
- Increase wind turbine life time
- Improve energy extraction

## Approach:

- Wind tunnel with **inflow disturbances** (full and reduced scales of 2D blade)
- On-site measurements (sonic/Lidar)
- Simulations (full scale blade/rotor)

## Example of use : E-TellTale sensor



**Scale 1/10  
2D blade section**

**Full Scale  
2D blade section**

**On-site  
measurements**

E-TellTale sensor aerodynamics was assessed first at the 1/10 scale (LHEEA facility), then at the full scale (CSTB facility) and finally on site measurements. At reduced scale, the dynamics of the tail was found to react sufficiently fast to detect the flow separation dynamics. At full scale, it was possible to demonstrate the ability of the sensor to follow the separation point location with only one sensor located at the blade trailing edge. From these outputs, sensors were placed on a rotor blade.

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